

Appl. No. 10/751,283
Amdt. dated January 19, 2006
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2819

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

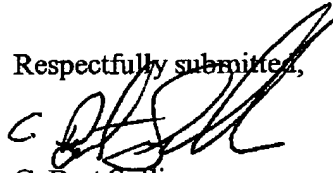
Claims 1-20 were pending. Upon entry of this amendment, claim 17 is canceled without prejudice, leaving claims 1-16, and 18-20 pending examination. Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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